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INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1575

DATE: December 14, 2015

TO: All Iowa Medicaid Providers Excluding Individual Consumer Directed Attendant Care (CDAC)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Reminder- Site Visits Conducted for Medicaid Provider Enrollment Screening

EFFECTIVE: Upon Receipt

Informational Letter [1571¹](#) announced provider enrollment renewal for Home Health Agencies, Independent Labs, Ambulance, Physical Therapists, Rehabilitation Agencies, Community Mental Health Centers, Hospice and Medical Supply Providers. Enrollment renewal is a requirement for providers in order to stay active in the Iowa Medicaid program. This enrollment renewal is required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and is part of the standard renewal calendar followed by the IME.

Per ACA requirements, Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP programs must screen newly enrolling and re-enrolling provider types according to the federally identified categorical risk level of their provider type such as physician, durable medical equipment (DME) provider, etc. The screening levels (limited, moderate and high), are based on national statistics of the risk of fraud, waste or abuse within a particular provider category.

SITE VISITS: As part of the enrollment renewal process all moderate or high risk provider types are subject to pre and post enrollment site visits wherein the IME will verify that the information submitted by the provider is accurate and will determine compliance with federal and state enrollment requirements. The IME is not required to conduct site visits on those providers who have already been screened as a moderate risk provider type by Medicare or another state's Medicaid or CHIP program within the previous twelve months.

Moderate risk provider types include the following:

- Ambulance Suppliers
- Community Mental Health Centers
- Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (includes Rehabilitation Agencies)
- Hospice Organizations
- Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities and Independent Clinical Laboratories
- Physical Therapy including Physical Therapy Groups

¹ https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1571_Enrollment_Renewal.pdf

- Portable X-Ray Suppliers
- Reenrolling Home Health Agencies
- Reenrolling Suppliers of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS).

High risk provider types include the following:

- Newly enrolling home health agencies.
- Newly enrolling DMEPOS suppliers.

The screening level adjusts from “limited” or “moderate” to “high” if any of the following occur:

- CMS imposes a payment suspension on a provider or supplier at any time in the last 10 years.
- The provider or supplier
 - Has been excluded from Medicare by the Office of Inspector General (OIG); or
 - Had billing privileges revoked by a Medicare contractor within the previous 10 years and is attempting to establish additional Medicare billing privileges by—
 - Enrolling as a new provider or supplier; or
 - Billing privileges for a new practice location;
 - Has been terminated or is otherwise precluded from billing Medicaid;
 - Has been excluded from any federal health care program; or
 - Has been subject to any final adverse action, as defined at § 424.502, within the previous 10 years.
 - CMS lifts a temporary moratorium for a particular provider or supplier type and a provider or supplier that was prevented from enrolling based on the moratorium, applies for enrollment as a Medicare provider or supplier at any time within six months from the date the moratorium was lifted.

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909 or email imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.